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a report on fire prevention in Karaganda.

✓ The report gives a few details on fire brigades under the MVD and the Karaganda Coal Combine, fire fighting equipment, fires and explosions and the lack of training in atomic defense measures for firemen. Also included in the report is some information on prices and wages.

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For Fire protection of town Karaganda is responsible Combine "Karagandaugol"

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and MVD.

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Because of fact that coal industry is the main industry in the town, town fire brigades are under the subordination of Corporation "Karaganda-Ugol" (Karaganda-coal-corporation). But fire brigades are not meant for the needs of Karaganda-Ugol's mines only, but for the whole town and all others industry institutions in the town Karaganda. Number of fire brigades are the same with number of town's districts. [REDACTED] in Karaganda are four town's

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districts: Kirovskiy, Zhelezno-dorozhniy, Leninskiy and [REDACTED] fourth district

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Fire brigade is responsible for putting out fire and for carrying out safety fire-prevention measures on the all objects of the area in charge.

Besides of these fire brigades in town are also so called "military fire brigades", and they are under the subordination of MVD. Members of these brigades, in differ from fire men of usual fire brigades, are wearing uniforms [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

[REDACTED] Military fire brigades have more men and better fire-prevention equipment.

Fire brigades of Fire Joint Detachment are under subordination of military fire brigades. For instance, if on the place of fire come several fire men brigades, the Chief of the Military Fire Brigade will be the Chief for them all. Joint Fire Detachment gets operative memorandums for carrying out safety fire-prevention measures and for organization of putting out fire works from Military Fire Brigades. [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

[REDACTED] in the town there are three Military Fire Brigades (in fact, there may be more). [REDACTED]

fire brigade # 2 is located in Leninskiy District.

Management of Joint Fire Detachment for guarding of Corporation "Karaganda-ugol" is located in Stariy Gorod, Uliza Maksima Gorkogo (Maksim Gorkiy Street), in small, one-storeyed stony house [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

Chief of Fire Detachment is GORCHUKOV Pavel Ivanovich [REDACTED]

In his office he has 5 women. Gorchukov has no direct phone-line or radio connection with his subordinated fire brigades, he [REDACTED] town phone line.

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Chief of Fire Detachment Gorchukov is responsible for hiring [redacted] for the fire brigades. Salary to the fire men is payed by the Chief of each fire brigade. Chief of Fire Detachment has no main brigade, or main storage place for fire-prevention equipment, and no repair shop. He is only carrying out the leadership of his Fire Detachment, which consists of 4 fire brigades.

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[redacted] one fire brigade [redacted]

[redacted] is located on the Tikhonovskoe Shosse (Highway), in Town District Kirovskiy (Kirovskiy Rayon), near mine # 8 [redacted]

[redacted] in one-storeyed brick house. In this house is garage for fire automobile and water cistern, office, room for fire men on duty, and room for fire-prevention measures. In this room there are many instructional wall sheets, and fire-prevention instruction. In this room have place training with fire men.

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In fire brigade is one fire-prevention installation type "PMZ" (fire machine installed on the truck "ZIL"). Pump is working from truck's motor. Three fire men are necessary to operate this fire machine. The length of outgoing fire-hose - 20 meters. [redacted]

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Together with this fire machine to the place of fire must go also water cistern. In cistern is enough water for five minutes of work on the fire place by putting out the fire. [redacted] there are always available the fire hydrants, if the fire place is located in the area of town Karaganda.

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In fire brigade are 10 fire-extinguishers, but usually fire men took two of them on signal of fire alarm.

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Chief of fire brigade is DASHILANOV Nikolay Efimovich, [redacted]

[redacted] He has three

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fire inspectors under his control, these inspectors are responsible for carrying out the fire-prevention measures ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ and for observance of safety rules in area of charge.

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1. Inspector Aliev, [redacted]

[redacted] Under his control is

mine 3 bis and ZM-3 (repair shops for mine's equipment).

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2. Inspector LOBODIN Vassiliy, [redacted]

Under

his control are mines # 38 and 31.

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In fire brigade there were 18 fire men. There are usually three or four men on duty and one man as their superior. They have duty during the 8 hours. If the call to the fire place comes at night, when in the building is nobody, neither inspector, nor Chief of fire brigade himself, than fire men on duty must follow the call under the command of their superior fire man. And superior fire man must call by phone the Chief of the fire brigade and tell him ~~the place of fire~~ where he and his men are going. Chief of brigade must come to the place of fire himself. And than he takes command over his brigade. But if there is also military fire brigade working on the same fire place, the command must be taken over by the Chief of the Military fire brigade.

Fire men are wearing special fire man uniform, single-breasted jacket, breeches and boots. Uniform is available twice a year: in spring and in autumn.

Fire man gets 350 rubls a month, superior ~~of the~~ duty fire man - and inspectors -

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450 rbls a month, Chief of fire brigade - 600 rbls.

Besides the duty hours, all fire men must have every day training (about three hours a day) The main subject to be studied there - is political information, as well as the instruction for fire-prevention measures.

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[REDACTED] during the training hours they did not learn any thing about the atomic-prevention safety measures. They did not have any instruction at all about how to act in case of disturbances or during the war.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] in the area of plant "DT" (Plant for manufacture of explosive for mines) an explosion has been heard. Fire brigade had been alarmed. Fire men have been ordered to be ready any second. But there has been no further orders given. [REDACTED] big explosion of explosive, used on this mine, had place in this area. About 30 people, and Director of plant himself, were killed. Plant-building was destroyed. Only military fire brigades have been called to the area of this explosion.

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Fire men of the fire brigades usually do black market to be able to make their living.

Prices for food on the market:

Butter 28 rbls for kg.

Sugger 11. 50 rbls for kg.

Pork 25 rbls for kg.

Beef 17 - 20 rbls for kg.

Milk (goat milk) . . . 4 rbls for litre (there is no cow milk on the market)

apples 4 - 6 rbls for kg.

potatoes 10 rbls for one pail.